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## PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

This list is in no sense an index of Government publications, but only an enumeration of the volumes which constitute the set of Congressional documents, with the number or numbers contained in each. The contents of the individual volumes are indicated only in the case of such as contain each not more than three separate documents, when the subject to which each document relates is noted. It is thought that this will add much to the value of the lists for purposes of reference. To extend this, however, to other volumes would be inconsistent with the object in view.

The documents of the first fourteen Congresses are not included, chiefly for the reason that the state papers or documents of the Senate and House of Representatives for that period have not been published in such form that a satisfactory list of volumes can be given. All the important documents, however, of these Congresses have been brought together and arranged according to their subject-matter, and published in the American State Papers. Documents are occasionally enumerated which are not found in the volume said to contain them, omitted, it is supposed, chiefly because they were not furnished the Public Printer. To specify such omitted documents has not been practicable.

The regular classification of documents as executive and miscellaneous began with the Thirtieth Congress. The first is supposed to embrace all documents sent to the Senate or House of Representatives by the Executive Departments; the second all other documents, excepting reports of committees, ordered printed by either House. This distinction is, however, not always maintained.

Except as otherwise indicated, the volumes of this series are octavo.

JOHN G. AMES,  
*Superintendent of Documents.*

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, *February 1, 1892.*



## PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

The first edition of the Checklist of Public Documents proved so acceptable to officers of the Government, librarians, and all who had occasion to consult the printed records of the public service that when it was exhausted the publication of a new edition became a necessity. Mr. Ames had prepared the "copy" for such an edition before my appointment, and he very kindly turned his manuscript over to me. In it he had incorporated a new feature which he deems of much importance, namely, the serial numbers which will be found in the first column of the tables of Congressional documents, pages 9 to 94. These numbers have been used by Mr. Ames for some years, and he recommends their use to librarians generally, on the ground that by affixing them to their volumes of documents they can make references without the necessity of giving titles. The numbers are printed for the convenience of those librarians who choose to adopt them, and are made the basis of the index which is appended to the present publication. They also serve the interesting purpose of showing that the Congressional documents of the sheep-bound series have reached the rather imposing number of 3,344 portly volumes since the numbering of documents began in the Fifteenth Congress.

Mr. Ames's manuscript has been considerably added to since it came into my hands.

Among the more important additions are the tables of the Statutes at Large and the Revised Statutes, of the publications of the Post-Office Department and the Department of Justice, of the Patent Office Official Gazette, and of the various Government catalogues—the latter of which it is believed will be found especially interesting and useful, though it is not claimed that it is complete. The list of explorations and surveys has been much enlarged, and the descriptive list of the Atlas which accompanies the Rebellion Record has been added. The tables of documents for the second and third sessions of the Fifty-third Congress and of the publications of the Eleventh Census have been completed. Most important of all the additions are the Table of Contents and the Index. A marked improvement, suggested and carried out by Mr. Harold Benedict, chief proof reader at the Government Printing Office, is the recasting of the whole list of Congressional documents into tabular form.

The work of compiling the additional lists which appear in the present edition has been done by Miss Adelaide R. Haase, librarian of this office, assisted by information and suggestions from Mr. John H. Hickcox, cataloguer, also of this office, and a few other document experts. The valuable "Note on the Earlier Congresses" was compiled by Mr. Hickcox.

That the work is a complete checklist of public documents is not by any means asserted; but it comes nearer to being so than any preceding publication, and the collection of material for a new and more complete edition will be at once begun and steadily continued. There is apparently no reason why, with care and effort, a substantially complete list of the public documents of the United States from the foundation of the Government may not be compiled and published a year or two hence.

F. A. CRANDALL,  
*Superintendent of Documents.*

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